

11 forces to be applied to said outer perimeter of said article and said elliptically
12 extending faces increasing individual incidences of said article contacting a water
13 surface.

Please cancel claim 4.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

AZ 5. (Amended) The water skipping article as described in claim 1, said
2 elliptical interior cavity further having a specified width to thickness ratio of at least
3 2:1.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

A3 9. (Amended) A water skipping article for use by a user in launching the
2 article in a substantially horizontal trajectory and with a specified rotational spin, said
3 article comprising:
4 a three-dimensional body constructed of a material selected from the group
5 including biodegradable materials and environmentally inert materials and having an
6 elliptically shaped smooth and continuous exterior surface with a substantially
7 elliptical and smooth edged outer perimeter, said body further including a side profile
8 defined by upper and lower elliptically extending faces which converge into said outer
9 perimeter; and
10 said body further defining a hollowed, substantially elliptical and interior
11 cavity suspended within said body, said interior cavity causing centrifugal forces to be
12 applied to said outer perimeter of said article, upon launching by said user and

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13 increasing individual incidences of said article contacting a water surface in a
14 skipping fashion.

Please add new claim 10 as follows:

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1 10. (New) A water skipping article, comprising:
2 a three-dimensional body having a substantially smooth edged and elliptical
3 outer perimeter, said body further including a side profile defined by a first ellipse
4 created by upper and lower elliptically extending faces which converge into said outer
5 perimeter, and
6 said body exhibiting a smooth and continuous exterior surface and further
7 defining a hollowed and interior cavity suspended within said body, said body further
8 including a second ellipse created by substantially elliptical and interiorly extending
9 surfaces defining said interior cavity, said second inner ellipse being of a different
10 width to thickness ratio than that of said first ellipse;
11 wherein, upon a user launching said article in a substantially horizontal
12 trajectory and with a specified rotational spin, said elliptical configuration of said
13 interior cavity causing centrifugal forces to be applied to said outer perimeter of said
14 article and said elliptically extending faces increasing individual incidences of said
15 article contacting a water surface.
